

# Fear Forces Wall Street To Set Trap For Socialist Voters—Look Out!

By LUCIEN SAINT.

(Special Washington Correspondence.)

**F**RANTIC eleventh hour efforts are being made by the Democratic party to seduce Socialist votes to Wilson on the plea that if Hughes is elected the laboring class in the United States will suffer the consequences. In Republican quarters these efforts are being met with the charge that Wilson and the Socialists have an understanding whereby Wilson hopes to win many thousands of votes which otherwise would go to Benson.

"The Wilson missionaries among the Socialists," declares a man close to the Hughes camp, "are saying that in his next annual message to Congress it is the intention of Mr. Wilson to begin a program of state socialism for America which will put

the United States in time of peace on much the same basis that Great Britain and the European nations are operating in time of war. They claim that Mr. Wilson has become converted to the belief that instead of returning to a protective tariff as a safeguard for American labor, it is better to borrow from the Old World and build upon its experience. In short, the Socialists who are turning to Mr. Wilson today in such large numbers are doing so in the firm belief that before he leaves the White House we shall have firmly established in the United States government ownership of the railroads, government ownership of telephones and telegraphs, government ownership of steamship lines, and a larger measure of government supervision, looking to gradual absorption by the government of many of the larger enterprises in the nation today."

While the Republicans are holding up their hands in pretended holy horror over the rumors of this unholy alliance, the Democrats are smiling, saying nothing, but

hinting broadly—to Socialists—that there is something in it.

Of course it is the old game of flim-flam, and of course, if he is re-elected, Wilson will do nothing of the sort. He will obey as heretofore, the dictates of the capitalistic interests, modified only by the necessities of politics. His record shows that this is the probability. Nevertheless, it is nearly November 7, on which date the Socialists are due to receive the largest vote in history. Wilson quite naturally needs some of it.

Because many Socialists would prefer to see Wilson in the White House instead of Hughes, the ingenious press agents of the Democratic party are circulating stories that Socialists have abandoned Benson for their chief. One such story was put out about Morris Hillquit, who is running for Congress from a New York city district. Others have been put out in other sections of the country. In addition, Socialists have been greeted warmly by Wilson supporters,

and in many instances they have been given jobs during the campaign. Every attempt has been made to lead Socialists who are either in the party or who are on the edge of it, to work for Woodrow.

Washington politicians, of both the old parties, are living in dread of the Socialist vote this year. Altho the news associations have practically suppressed all mention of the Socialist campaigning, the inside dope is that Benson will poll at least 1,300,000 votes. Both Republicans and Democrats know perfectly well that the high cost of living has more than offset the temporary war prosperity of the country, and the endless strikes and threats of strikes shows them that labor is far from being contented. Both parties are bidding for the labor vote as they have never bid for it before. They fear the effect on the political future of the nation of a tremendous Socialist vote. Capitalists in general and Wall Street in particular don't care whether Wilson or Hughes wins as long as Benson is under as far as pos-

sible. The spectre of Socialism is as terrible as it ever was.

Whichever is elected, Hughes or Wilson, labor will find hard sledding in Congress during the next four years. Altho the railroad brotherhoods have gained a temporary advantage, Wilson is pledged to enact compulsory arbitration legislation which may include all workers and deny the right to strike. Government ownership measures, which have been neglected during the present administration, will be soft-pedaled. Even the campaign for public health insurance, a mild enough reform, is about to be checked by the secret organization of the privately capitalized insurance companies who have already scented a loss of their profits if the state undertakes this kind of business. Wilson has been "progressive" during the last few months. After the seventh of November he will turn reactionary.

Meanwhile, the trap has been set for the Socialists. How many will walk in?

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### OUR PATRIOTISM AND THEIRS

By MORRIS HILLQUIT.  
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**O**NE OF the charges commonly made against the Socialists in this campaign is that they are devoid of patriotism. To this charge we plead NOT GUILTY. We yield to no man in the sense of true patriotism. Patriotism means the love of one's country, and love of the country means nothing if it does not mean love of the people. True patriotism expresses itself in honest efforts to enhance the happiness and welfare of the great masses of the people, to help them in their struggles for more food, better homes, higher education, larger freedom, brighter, happier lives.

PATRIOTISM is a very much abused term. In this campaign the country is infested with a swarm of professional patriots, including men who are aspiring to the highest office in the land, men who have occupied the most exalted positions in the gift of the nation and other great national luminaries. They travel throughout the country prating about "true Americanism", they wave the American flag with rivaling frenzy, they flatter our national vanity, they appeal to our national prejudices and pride. They stir up our basest instincts, they foment racial antagonism at home and pave the ground for strife and war with foreign nations. Their agitation is harmful to the people, it is grossly unpatriotic.

Our leading citizens, who march in the front ranks of "preparedness" parades, but build their fortunes upon the misery and oppression of their fellowmen, they too are thoroughly unpatriotic.

THE SOCIALISTS alone stand for true and enlightened patriotism. The essence of true American patriotism has been proclaimed to the whole world one hundred and forty years ago in terms so clear and in tones so ringing that it holds as true now as ever, and the political pignies of to-day may well save themselves the trouble of amending it.

I refer to the sublimest instrument produced by American genius, the Declaration of Independence.

Let me quote from it:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

LIFE, Liberty and Happiness for all human beings, including all workers, that is the great goal of organized labor and of the Socialist movement.

The worker's life counts for nothing in our cruel industrial system. It is being ruthlessly crushed and destroyed in the mines, mills, and factories by violent accidents, it is being steadily sapped by inhuman over-exertion.

His liberty is at best the liberty to choose and change his master. There can be no true liberty in an industrial despotism.

His pursuit of happiness is often a vain pursuit of a job to keep his body and soul together.

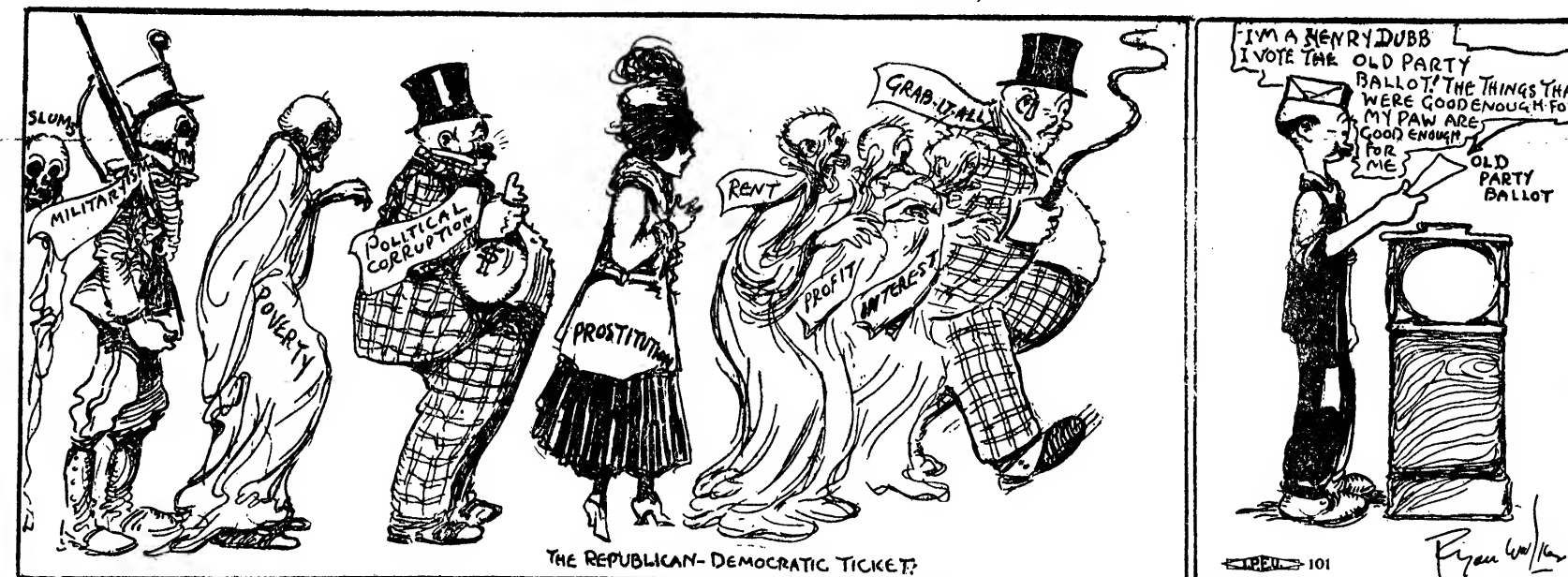
FOR THE ruling classes of our country, the Tories of the twentieth century, the Declaration of Independence has become an antiquated, meaningless "scrap of paper". To them government exists not to ensure Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, but to protect Property, Authority and Pursuit of Profits.

The government and system maintained by American capitalism have become destructive of the lives, liberties and happiness of the workers and the great masses of the people, and with the founders of this republic we hold that it is the right and the duty of the people "to alter or abolish" this system, and "to institute a new government"; a government organized to maintain human life and promote human happiness, a government based on industrial as well as political liberty, a true popular government for the benefit of the whole people.

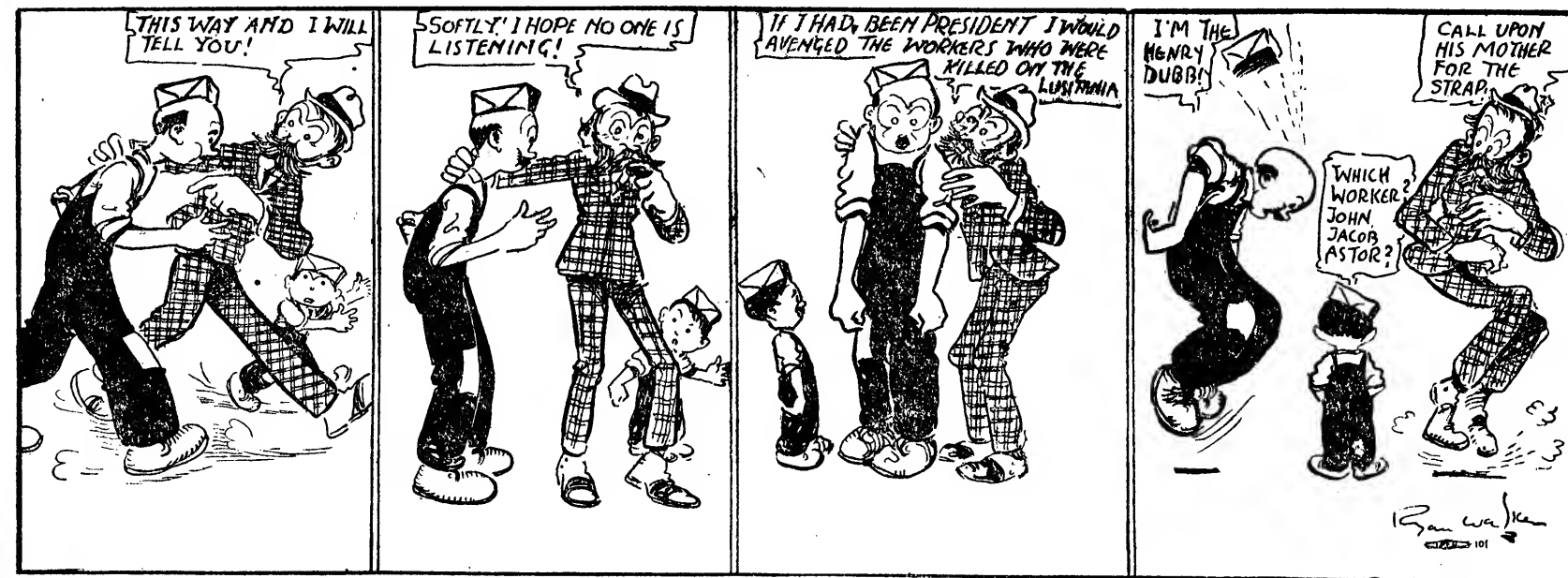
### Wake up the Henry Dubbs with these cartoons by Ryan Walker



Henry Dubb takes Junior to see his friend, the President.



Henry Dubb gets the things he votes for.



Henry Dubb finds out what Charley Horse would have done.

### Are The People Fools?

By JOHN M. WORA.

**H**OW LONG will the people willingly let themselves be robbed?

All over the nation, and other nations as well, they are constantly being robbed in numerous ways.

TAKE my own burg—Chicago. Not to mention any of the other stickup stunts that are pulled off here, the vast majority of the people live in rented abodes. I call them abodes in order to avoid calling them homes, which would be inaccurate. The rents are preposterously high. Scarcely the most modest tiny place for a family, if at all decent, can be had for less than twenty-five dollars a month, and most of them cost thirty, forty, fifty, or sixty dollars a month, and more.

AND THE people of Chicago, the vast majority of them renters, stand for this.

If they had any gumption they would make these dwellings collective property, and rent them to themselves

at cost, which would be about one-third or one-fourth of what they are now paying.

This is just a slight illustration. The country over the people are constantly gouged out of most of their earnings by means of profits, interest, dividends, and rent.

And they stand for it. They have the power, at any general election, to put the grafters out of business, by voting the Socialist ticket, and bringing about the collective ownership and control of the industries and the rented buildings.

WHY DON'T they do it? One way to look at it is that they are fools. You remember what Carlyle said about so many millions of people walking across London Bridge, most of them fools.

If we were to look at the matter in an absolute sense, we would have to conclude that most of the people are fools, for they allow themselves to be constantly skinned.

BUT, from another point of view, we find the people continually grow-

ing more and more capable of realizing the situation and applying the remedy. They are in process of evolution. They never have been up to snuff. They are not now. But they are more nearly so than they used to be. More and more of them are getting their eyes open all the while. And the time is approaching when they will throw off the parasites and free themselves.

Before election the office seekers shake your hand. After election they shake you.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will not vote for either Wilson or Hughes, but for capitalism.

The ballot that is coming to women as a direct result of Socialist agitation is only an earnest of the freedom they will gain when Socialism fully comes.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for the system that brought the European war, that forced the costly Mexican revolution and the cost of intervention on America's part.

You had better vote the Socialist ticket while you have the chance. After this opportunity you will be unable to tell your servants (?) that you want some consideration for many moons.

### SEND IN THE RETURNS.

Socialists everywhere are urged to make arrangements now to send in the returns of the election, Tuesday, Nov. 7, to the National Office, Socialist Party, 303 West Madison St., Chicago. If there is an important victory won, wire in the results. If not sent the vote in by the earliest mail, special delivery if possible.

Head the plea of the National Executive Committee to "Watch the Count". See that every vote cast for Socialism in your precinct is counted for Socialism. Send in the vote this year and four years ago so that we can compare them and estimate the total Socialist vote for the country. Make your plans for sending in the returns to the national office NOW!

### DEMOCRATS IN DESPAIR

By ADOLPH GERMER  
National Secretary, Socialist Party.

**O**NLY A political party that is in despair will resort to the forgeries practiced by the democrats in this campaign. Almost daily interviews appear where some "Socialist" has endorsed Wilson and predicted his re-election. Some of these have been run down only to find that in their sad plight, the democratic machine has manufactured these interviews or has so twisted and distorted them that their author could not recognize them.

THIS twisting of facts is likewise true about the "achievements" of the Wilson administration. What are the achievements? The Federal Child Labor Law is a humbug of the first water. It was never intended to abolish child slavery in the democratic states. It does not stop the traffic in child labor. Child labor is as prevalent now in democratic States as ever. Child labor products may still be shipped out of a state, only they must be held for 30 days. How does this stop child labor?

The Eight Hour Law? It is only necessary to point out that Judge Lovett of the Union Pacific R. R., one of organized labor's worst enemies, Underhill of the Erie and other Railroad heads are in favor of Wilson because he has been fair to Business. There is no doubt about that, for Big Business has coined billions while labor has been compelled to pay sky-high prices for its necessities of life.

THE WILSON Eight-Hour bill will be a very convenient instrument for the railroads in their demand for higher rates. Higher rates mean higher prices on food stuffs and other things that the workers must have.

Why don't the democratic politicians talk of the high cost of living as they did four years ago? It would be highly embarrassing to them. And how about the compulsory arbitration law that has virtually been promised to the railroads? Quiet as a tomb on that. To discuss that would also be embarrassing to the "Democracy", and for political purposes the "Democracy" will deny such promises.

WILSON kept us out of War!

True so far we have had no open declaration of war with any nation. But what have democrats to say about the Hay-Chamberlin Army Reorganization law that makes a soldier of every able bodied male citizen between the ages of 18 and 45 and empowers the President to draft them into the army to be shot? And how about the \$662,476,512 military and navy appropriations? Democrats say nothing about this Wilson achievement for it is as inconvenient as to discuss the high cost of living. And now we are informed by President Wilson, in his Cincinnati speech, that we will be involved in the next war.

The Wilson administration has been efficient in one respect. It has put an army of professional labor politicians on the federal pay roll a la Gompers' son at \$2,500 per annum. There are others who figure that there are still more political plums to be plucked. This explains, in large measure, why they are now working overtime among laboring men, in many instances masquerading as Socialists, endeavoring to induce them to vote for Wilson.

The Democratic party is pulling the chestnuts of many former campaigns and many workmen will fall for them. A party that is so unscrupulous in its campaign methods will not be cleaner when elected to power. The Republicans will pull similar tricks to get the labor vote and we must be on our guard.

BEWARE of the Eleventh Hour forgeries of both old parties!

Stand by your colors and send the Socialist vote into the millions! Send a force of Socialist Congressmen to Washington! That will do more to "keep us out of war", and reduce the high cost of living than to seat a large army of professional labor politicians or their relatives at the government pie counter.

Send the Socialist vote into the millions and a force of Socialists to Congress and plutocracy will understand what you mean.



## Peace Or War?

By ALGERNON LEE  
Socialist Candidate  
For Governor of New York.

More than ever before in the history of this country, we stand at a parting of the ways. On the outcome of this election depend grave issues, not for the United States alone, but for all the world.

Shall the future bring peace or war? It is for the American people, above all others, to decide.

The masses in Europe are sick of slaughter. When peace returns, it will find the European peoples in a mood to welcome any guaranty against future wars. It will find them ready to compel their rulers to plan for lasting peace—on one condition, that a lasting peace is then possible.

Will it be possible? That is the question which the United States has to answer.

Leader Among Nations.

If at that moment our country—the one great nation that has not paid for the war with tears and blood—committed to a policy of peace, of disarmament, of international arbitration, of scrupulous respect for the rights of all countries, if we have repudiated militarism and imperialism, if we have put aside the idea that the United States is to be "the policeman of the Western Hemisphere"—then this republic will have the proud privilege of leading the nations of the earth away from the blood-stained paths they have hitherto trod, leading them into the ways of mutual helpfulness.

But if, at that critical time, the United States stands before them armed to the teeth, defiant, aggressive, ready to use military and naval force in bullying our weaker neighbors and in fighting for advantage in the world market—then the nations of the Old World will have no choice but to arm again, to make new alliances, to prepare for still more frightful wars.

The Democrats raise the cry that "Wilson kept us out of war." Did he? I am not so sure of that. Again and again during the last three years, the Socialists, the Trade Unions, and the Pacifists of this country have had to rally all their forces and make herculean efforts to hold Wilson's administration back when it was doing things that threatened to precipitate war either against Germany or against Mexico.

Wall Street Wants Militarism.

I do not believe President Wilson has really wished for war. Neither do I believe that Wall Street has wished for actual war, just yet. What Wall Street did desire just now was militarism—and President Wilson has given Wall Street what it asked for.

I make this statement in full confidence that history will bear me out. Woodrow Wilson, within the last two years, has done more than any president before him, more than even Theodore Roosevelt, to drag this nation into courses which, if pursued much longer, will lead to war.

It is under President Wilson, with a Congress so tame that it cuts out of his hand, that the United States has appropriated more money for war purposes in a year of peace than either England or Germany or any other nation ever did before. Over \$660,000,000 for army and navy in a year of peace—if that policy is to continue, how can Europe help thinking that we mean to have war? How can Europe help building new armaments to meet the threat?

Republicans Just As Bad.

The Republican opposition is just as bad. In its desire for militarism, as in many other things, the Republican party is at one with the Democratic party. In this state, Governor Whitman and a Republican majority in the Legislature, with the aid and approval of a Democratic minority, have foisted upon us the infamous system of military conscription in times of peace. The Republican minority in Congress has criticized the gigantic army and navy appropriations only on the ground that they ought to be bigger still. Mr. Hughes does not find fault with Mr. Wilson for leading us toward war, but only for not leading us in that direction quite so fast as he says he would have done.

It is clear that, no matter whether Hughes is elected or Wilson is re-elected, we shall have more militarism, more imperialism, more tampering with popular liberties at home, more bullying of our sister republics, more mixing into the dirty diplomatic games of Europe, more following of policies that lead to war, unless—unless what?

Vote For Social Progress.

Unless two or three million Americans vote against Hughes and against Wilson, against militarism and imperialism, against the causes of war, for Socialism and peace and social progress.

The votes that old-party politicians respect are not the votes they carry in the vote pockets, but the votes that they carry in the vote boxes. They are the votes that they carry in the vote boxes, when they find that they cannot crush it and cannot buy it and cannot split it—when it continually attacks them, defies them, exposes them, and grows and keeps on growing—then they seek to save themselves by making concessions to it, by doing some of the things it advocates, by going along on some of the policies it denounces.

Two million votes for Benson and Kirkpatrick; half a dozen Socialists in Congress instead of one; a hundred Socialists in the legislatures of a dozen states—let that be the record on November 7; and whether Wilson or Hughes sits in the White House next year, he will know that draft laws and gigantic armaments are not safe policies for him to pursue.

FIRE HITS ITALIAN WEEKLY.

Per incendio avvenuto alla nostra tipografia, il nostro giornale LA PAROLA PROLETARIA uscirà in formato doppio la settimana entrante.

—LA DIREZIONE.

On account of fire in our printing plant, our paper will not be on the firing line this week. It will appear next week in a double issue.—LA PAROLA PROLETARIA.

## DEAF HEAR OUR MESSAGE.

Socialists in Hartford, Conn., were given an unusual treat when a red hot deaf Socialist agitator from New York City, Albert Ballin, gave a rattling good talk in the sign language on the issues of the campaign and how Helen Keller became a Socialist. Chief among the deaf people present was Wm. H. Weeks of Hartford, 87 years old, but a live wire and intensely interested in up-to-date questions. It was the first time in Connecticut the deaf had had a political meeting arranged in their behalf and they showed their appreciation of the attention by their attendance. The chairman, E. P. Clarke, a hearing man, was formerly a teacher of the deaf and interpreted the remarks of the deaf speaker to the hearing people present and interpreted the address of the candidate for governor, Mr. Beebe, into the sign language for the benefit of the deaf. The chairman also signed and sung two Socialist songs simultaneously.

Mr. Ballin, the deaf speaker, said he was formerly a Democrat but he had been fooled too often by the label. He advocated real industrial democracy and equality of opportunity and could only secure it by voting for socialism. In New York state the eagle with its cruel talons represented the Republicans, the black star of darkness was the symbol of the Democrats while the arm of labor upholding the torch of enlightenment was the emblem of the Socialists. He explained how Helen Keller became a Socialist. He showed the planlessness of the present system by telling of the bananas and lemons he had seen on the shores of Long Island and New Jersey which had been dumped overboard to prevent a glut in the market and a lowering in prices. He spoke of the increase in the price of coffee and of a report which he read of the destruction of much coffee to keep up the prices. After the lecture he invited questions from anyone in the audience which he answered freely.

Mr. Ballin is an excellent speaker and would make good in a nationwide campaign among the deaf which would be virgin soil for socialist propaganda.

LABOR HAS THE POWER.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON.—Labor in the United States holds the balance of power in the coming national election. Where labor throws its millions of votes, there will victory lie. Hughes knows this, and so do his managers.

Wilson knows it got onto it before Hughes did—and he is sharing his campaign accordingly, leading off with the eight-hour day for railroad men and the vague promise of eight hours for other classes of labor.

If labor will on November 7 cast its votes solidly for Allan L. Benson, Benson probably will not be elected, but whoever is will work for four years with the fear of God in his heart—an unusual situation for a President and the Congress of the United States.

A heavy Socialist vote both for the head of the ticket and for members of Congress will mean this to the people of the country:

1. An effective protest against capitalism, and the inauguration of measures which will prove of immediate benefit to the working class: shorter working day, social insurance schemes, recognition of the labor unions.

2. An effective protest against war and militarism—a protest far more effective than the resolutions of peace societies.

3. An earnest of good things to come for the working class of the United States.

Two million Socialist votes will hearten every wage slave in the country; will put new life into the struggle of the toilers for economic and industrial democracy.

There is a growing round that.

Seek To Discourage Labor.

Here in Washington are extensive offices run by the old parties—the Republican and the Democratic. They have in their employ scores of henchmen whose business it is to discount and discourage the growth of the labor movement, and to capture as much of it as is possible for their own ends. Thanks to the wirepulling of these and other henchmen at the top of the heads of the big unions, have come out for Wilson, and every effort is being made to swing the entire labor union influence to the present occupant of the White House.

Those who are on the inside of the political situation are, however, able to see thru the flimsy hypocrisy which declares that Wilson is a labor candidate. While the heads of the four railroad brotherhoods are hyping Wilson because of the eight-hour law, which opposed the hours decrease are gradually being swung over to support him also. At this writing two big railroad magnates, Underwood of the Erie and Lovett of the Union Pacific, have come out for Wilson. Undoubtedly these gentlemen are not taking any risk in what they are doing, and it is not unfair to suppose that the banking interests which are behind the railroads, are behind the Wilson support.

Wilson On Both Sides.

So Wilson is playing both sides—labor and capital. He gave the brotherhoods the eight-hour day, but he has promised the railroads an increase in railroad rates, a compulsory arbitration law, and other advantages which will prove of great value to them. Wilson has not alarmed the railroads with the prospect of government ownership. He has extended the rotten regulation system, which the railroads are clinging to like leeches. He is a railroad man in secret, and a champion of the poor, down-trodden working man in the open.

It is typical of the Democratic Party and the clever management of Wilson. It is tactics like these that anger and dismay the Republicans, the party that used to have a monopoly of conducting similar r.w. deals. It is tactics like these which should warn labor not to trust the gentlemen in the White House.

Wilson is making a great plea for re-election on the ground that he is against intervention in Mexico. But there is good reason to suppose that

This Is Leaflet No.10—2,500,000 Ordered For Distribution Sunday, Nov. 5

# How about the high cost of living, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hughes?

By ALLAN L. BENSON  
Socialist Candidate For President.

THE HOUR for action is about to strike! Only a great vote for the Socialist Party on November 7th can prevent this nation from speeding on toward disaster.

THE Socialist Party cannot win this year, but a great vote this year will enable it to win in 1920, and a great vote for the Socialist Party this year will reduce the cost of living at once, compel the repeal of the Draft Law, and stop our headlong rush toward militarism.

THE steadily and rapidly increasing cost of living has become a great national peril.

If I were president of the United States at the present moment, and could accomplish my purpose in no other way, I would use the United States navy to blockade every American port thru which food is being exported that the American people need.

I would not let a pound of food be shipped from this country so long as there is a hungry woman or hungry child, or a hungry man in America.

It is a scandal and crime that the people of this country, having great abundance of food, are compelled to sit idly by while a few great speculators are stripping the country of its food and exporting it for their own private profit.

PRESIDENT Wilson knows what is going on, but does nothing about it. Mr. Hughes knows what is going on, but says nothing about it nor does he criticize Mr. Wilson for doing nothing about it.

Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hughes represent the class that believes in stripping America of its food for the benefit of certain great members of that class.

If Mr. Wilson be re-elected, the stripping will go on, unless a great socialist vote shall warn him to call upon Congress for an embargo upon food exports.

If Mr. Hughes be elected, nothing except a great socialist vote will cause him to call a halt.

A HALT must be called or great disaster will speedily overtake this country! Flour is now higher than it has been at any time since the Civil War, and it will be a great deal higher before next spring unless exports shall be prohibited.

Our wheat crop this year is short—if we keep it at, we will not have enough for ourselves.

We annually need 630,000,000 bushels. We have produced this year but 611,000,000 bushels.

Yet the astounding fact remains that American exporters have already contracted to export four hundred million bushels.

If these contracts be carried out, America will be left to starve!

MAKE NO MISTAKE—the cost of living, before next spring, will become so high that

if Hughes were elected, he would follow the wishes of the people and keep out of Mexico also.

It is as it was when the campaign began—a choice between tweedledum and tweedledee, and nothing in it for the working man if either is elected.

Warning! Socialists And Sympathizers Beware!

BY THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER.

Attention all Socialists! In view of some of the underhanded work of the Capitalist Press it is necessary for us to warn all Socialists and all friends of the movement everywhere against eleven hour false reports about our candidates and our Party.

A few days ago one of the leading New York daily newspapers carried the astonishing announcement that Morris Hillquit had abandoned the Socialist Party and come out for Wilson.

On October 13th the Pittsburgh Sun carried a press dispatch with a headline stating "Socialist Leader is out for Wilson." It went on to state that Max Eastman, who it said was one of the most widely known leaders in the Socialist Party had come out openly for President Wilson.

The report concerning Morris Hillquit is a most impossible and outrageous lie. Anyone who knows anything about the Socialist Party or about Hillquit would not have believed it for an instant. But reports of this sort are circulated for the very purpose of discouraging Socialist sympathizers and supporters and injuring the Party as much as possible.

This is one of the old tricks of the politicians. We warn the comrades and friends everywhere that if at the last minute after it is too late for a denial the Capitalist Press should spring any story about the withdrawal of any of our candidates or the turning to Wilson or anybody else of any so-called "leading Socialists" not to believe a word of it. The Socialists are not built that way.

Depend upon it that every candidate of the Socialist Party from Benson and Kirkpatrick down to the last man is in the fight and will stay until the last vote is counted. Give no credence to any reports to the contrary no matter by whom they are sprung or by whom they are published.

Also be sure that every real Socialist and every real leader of the Party is going to stand by his guns and do his duty to the utmost. If you hear or read any reports to the contrary you can mark them down at once as absolute falsehoods.

Yours for Victory!

While Socialism is revolutionary, it will mean stability. Capitalism lives by continually changing things so as to make greater profits. Twice a year there is a revolution in the manner of dressing, because that means more trade and further exploitation.

The workers can, with poor machinery and the use of but part of the land, house, cloth and feed the world, while only half the people are employed. Give them the use of all the land, and as good machinery as they are capable of making, and the chance to work whenever they wish, and poverty could immediately be wholly banished from earth.

millions will suffer from lack of food, and every workman's family will be hard pressed to pay for it's living.

The only way to prevent this calamity is to roll up a Socialist vote so great that Wall Street will understand that it will continue to proceed along present lines at its peril.

THREE million Socialist votes will stop food exports!

Three million Socialist votes will compel the Democratic and Republican parties to go about it at once to repeal the draft law that both parties smuggled thru Congress last Spring, and which the President signed on June 3rd.

Three million Socialist votes will halt a policy of military expenditure that has already made the militarism of every other country on earth look comparatively small and unimportant.

IF IT be the last thing you are to do on this Earth, vote the Socialist ticket this year.

In attempting to vote the Socialist ticket, be sure it is the Socialist ticket that you vote. The name of some other tickets somewhat resembles the Socialist ticket.

Vote the ticket that has at its head my name and the name of George R. Kirkpatrick, the Socialist candidate for Vice-president.

And, if a few days before election, you read that I have abandoned the Socialist party and come out for Mr. Wilson, be assured that such a report is a lie.

I SOUND this warning because Democratic politicians are already trying to turn back the Democratic votes that they know are going to the Socialist ticket by circulating that this, or that prominent Socialist has come out for Mr. Wilson.

Never fear—I shall "Stay put". I shall never desert or betray those who have trusted me. I would die first. I mean business, and I am in this fight to stay, not merely until the end of this campaign, but until the end of my life.

AND remember this: Wall Street is not seriously concerned as to whether Mr. Hughes or Mr. Wilson shall be the next president. Wall Street knows that with either of them in the White House the old game of robbing the people for the benefit of a few, will go on.

I have in my possession a circular issued on January 15th of this year by the great Wall Street Banking firm of Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne, in which this sentence appears:

"There is nothing in the presidential election for business men to become alarmed over."

THIS great banking house would not have made that statement if it had believed I were going to be the next president.

And when Wall Street is not alarmed it is time for the people to be alarmed.

To paraphrase the words of Nelson, when he was going into battle at Trafalgar: "The grave perils of the hour make it imperative that on election day every man—and every woman who can vote—shall do their duty."

Socialism will bring freedom. Capitalism has given you free-doom.

Talk Socialism. Then others will talk about it.

The New Freedom seems to consist, so far as the workers are concerned, with freedom from property.

There is such a thing as individual peace or peace of mind. But it can't exist under capitalism.

If you don't vote for Benson you will vote for the other fellow to own your job, which means to own you.

Your "choice between Wilson and Hughes" means nothing except your chance to ratify your own enslavement.

If you don't vote for Benson you will vote for others to control the markets and make your living almost too costly to endure.

A thousand Chinese laborers have been brought to France to work in munition factories. So, after all, it is China that is to win the war.

Capitalism is demonstrating one thing: That it is headed toward slavery and ruin for the masses of the people. In this it is doing a great work for Socialism.

The governments of the world are clothing and feeding more than thirty million men. Socialism is good in war in order to facilitate killing, but it is not good in peace in order to employ and give comfort to the toilers.

Profit taking is bad enough; but with the profits the masters have taken the hopes, the possibilities, the very souls of the men and women of the world.

Our preparedness program is already bearing fruit in that Japan is enlarging her navy because of it, for more preparedness and more profits for the plutocrats.

While Socialism is revolutionary, it will mean stability. Capitalism lives by continually changing things so as to make greater profits. Twice a year there is a revolution in the manner of dressing, because that means more trade and further exploitation.

The workers can, with poor machinery and the use of but part of the land, house, cloth and feed the world, while only half the people are employed. Give them the use of all the land, and as good machinery as they are capable of making, and the chance to work whenever they wish, and poverty could immediately be wholly banished from earth.

interest and understanding this year. They give us what we crave. They strike into the very heart of the problem that perplexes us. We know that what they say has foundation.

When Men Are Stirred.

If the women of West Virginia are not given the right to vote it will be because the men of the State have not been reached with the Socialist appeal. They don't listen to the suffragists as they do to us and for good reasons. They are either good naturally tolerant or supremely indifferent.

It is only when they see the relation between the demand of the women of their nation for the ballots and these other social movements which concern both women and men, that they are stirred to a real appreciation of the suffrage campaign and give it their sympathy and support.

Suffrage, without some great moral driving power behind it, is not an all-important question to the American mind in its present confused state.

The real driving blows for woman suffrage in America will be made by the Socialists from this time on.

This year we are so absorbed by national issues in West Virginia that we may forget the amendment if the Socialist speakers don't reach the whole crowd with their discussion of the relation between the woman's struggle for the ballot and the great bewildering problems of our American life.

Can Woman Save The Day?

By AGNES H. DOWNING.

"Little to earn and many to keep," has made woman an economist. She must get the most she can for every penny. The average woman has always done this with little things; she is beginning to ask about the big things.

How about public affairs? She finds that the public runs the schools, the police, the fire departments, libraries, roads and parks, all of which are furnished free of cost to the people and all of which are a source of constant expense. At the same time all transportation, steam and electric lines, telegraph, telephone, express, mines, mills and all other lines of work that can be run at a profit are allowed to be run by private owners, private monopoly at that. These monopolies arbitrarily raise prices and lower wages. The public has all the burdens and the private monopolies have all the profits.

"Rather a bad bargain," woman reasons, but there is no use complaining as we are willing to look for a remedy.

If the public can run the things that are run at a loss it can far better run those things that are run at a profit. In the war-torn nations of Europe one after another, the state has taken over the industries that supplied the people. As a result, the flour must be shipped from the United States, yet bread is sold cheaper in London than it is in Minneapolis. Public ownership was the only way for the warring countries to make their people strong enough to withstand the wastes of war.

What war-mad Europe can do to make their lands strong in war, we ought to do to keep this land in peace. For the great profits of the private owners is what makes the desire for world-markets and world-war to secure the markets. Further the great profits of private owners make the funds which corrupt governments and force thru the measures which lead to war.

So the question is no longer how to keep many on small means, it now becomes how to shield the life of the race from the awful calamity of war.

If things were publicly made, if no small groups of people made enormous profits from the industries of the people, there would be no one to desire world-markets for more profits, and there would be no big funds with which to force thru measures of war.

There is an intensity in this question such as we never before had to face. It is act now, or pay our dearest and our best as a sacrifice for those who will profit in war. The European mothers have paid and are still paying the sacrifice. We can only save our children and ourselves by giving a big vote for the Socialist Party this fall. It is the only party that stands for development instead of for destruction. It is the only party of real patriotism. Rest not until election day. Three million socialist votes will be a barricade which militarism cannot lightly break away.

Coming Our Way! Why?

By H. M. SHELTON.  
Candidate For Congress  
Third Oklahoma District.

There are many varied reasons why the voters of the Third Congressional District of Oklahoma are turning to Socialism. Chiefest of which are the fact that members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans voted for the four so-called administration measures as follows: Clayton Trust Bill, Railroad Stock and Bond Bill, Tariff and Currency Bill, all of which they claimed would reduce the cost of living, and since the passage of these measures the voters have observed that the cost of living has soared more rapidly than ever. And in the meantime the enormous army and navy appropriations have been made and were supported by both Democrats and Republicans and the Republicans claim that they were not large enough.

Another stench in the nostrils of the honest voters has been the extravagant appropriations made by the Oklahoma Legislature in violation of the State Constitution which places the limit of the states indebtedness at \$400,000 which has been exceeded by approximately \$8,600,000. Also taxes in the State are raised until the average has reached \$4.25 per head, the difference in the amount in many instances being five fold what they were prior to the election of the Williams machine better known as the Democratic Party, all of whom from Williams down to County Commissioner have pledged to an economical administration. Furthermore they have disregarded the will of their constituents on various measures affecting the interest of the producing

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class, and especially regarding the sale of school land which was voted down by a majority of 42,000. Also, the voters protested against a partisan and unpatriotic election fraud—190,000 strong—but in vain. Then in a maddened partisan frenzy the machine attempted to cram a military test, under the guise of a Literary test, down the throats of these same 190,000 voters, but the outraged voters of the State rebuked the czar of Oklahoma with a majority of 42,000 against their only rock behind which they trusted to remain in the saddle. The voters also recognize the difference in the bank clearings for the years 1915 and 1916, the difference being from ninety million dollars, October report, 1915, to one hundred and forty-one million, October, 1916. They figure that the federal reserve act is a good thing for the grafters while they foot the bill.

The voters are also aware of the fact that the federal farm loan act or the rural credits bill is a fine thing for the grafters since they are not able to figure where they come in at. They are looking forward to the time when grafters will control all agricultural industries by company, and where tenancy has passed and peonage and serfdom has taken its place, but they fail to see even when they come in at. I desire to say to the workers that you hold in your own hands the only power that can enslave you. How will you use it? Seeing that no matter who wins of the two old parties or who loses, they are still beneficiaries of the capitalist system at the expense of the workers.

Vote the Socialists into power and put the grafter at a legitimate occupation on the industrial field.

Democratic opposition in Oklahoma is getting desperate according to a telegram just received by The American Socialist from Oles Stofor at Snyder, Okla., as follows: "I, Rhodyback and N. D. Pritchett, editors of the Otter Valley Socialist, were arraigned in county court at Hobart today on the charge of criminal libel and released on \$500 bond until the case goes to trial Nov. 20. The information was filed by County Attorney Griffith on behalf of one Guy. C. Farham, preacher, who, as an employee of the democratic party of Kiowa County, has been making charges of immorality against Socialists in a debate at Snyder between Farham and John A. Currie, Socialist. Farham admitted that he was guilty of illicit relations with a Filipino woman. Publication of an account of the debate is the basis for the court action. The real animus of the prosecution is thought to be due to the severe arraignment of the democratic 'county administration'. But this underhanded attack will only solidify the Socialist forces and make them fight for victory, Nov. 7th, all the harder.

"The state election officials have ruled that the national, state and county Socialist tickets will be placed on the official West Virginia ballot this election," reports State Secretary Edwin Firth, of West Virginia. "There has been no court decision, but this definitely foreshadows the repeal of the liberty-destroying West Virginia primary election law, under which it is required that a state ticket must pay approximately \$50,000 in filing fees. The Socialists of the state are now busy as beavers working to make up the time lost when we thought we were in danger of disfranchisement. Sunday, Nov. 5, is set by the State office as Socialist Rally Day in West Virginia and county mass meetings are planned in every county." Three cheers for West Virginia!

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## 1860—Voted For Lincoln; 1915—Votes For Benson!

By MAX SHEROVER.

Staff Writer, The American Socialist.  
Los Angeles, Cal.—"I took great pride in voting for Lincoln over fifty years ago, but it will give me a great deal more joy to vote for you and the rest of the Socialist ticket," was the enthusiastic expression of a gray-haired man as he limped his way, leaning on a cane, to the platform and shook hands with Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate for President, after the meeting at Fresno, Cal.

This and other expressions are typical of the general sentiment aroused by Benson. Everywhere when we reached the halls we found them filled, and in numerous places hundreds were turned away. This notwithstanding the fact that admission fees from 25 to 50 cents were charged in most places.

In Seattle, Wash., we found what might in some respects be termed the best meeting of the entire tour. Here over six thousand men and women paid admissions of 25 and 50c, gave a collection of \$110 and bought \$75 worth of literature. I was advised that this was the greatest political gathering of any party in the history of Seattle.

Meetings Everywhere Successful.  
Equal in success to every point of view were the meetings at Everett and Bellingham, Wash., San Francisco, Oakland and Fresno, Cal. Local Fresno might well be complimented on its energetic and efficient manner of arranging a meeting. Within ten minutes after eight o'clock this little town had its auditorium filled to the doors, with 2,200 men and women greeting George H. Goebel when he called the meeting to order. And here the hotel proprietor who is an ardent Republican told me that he had never seen anything like it before. They had Hiram Johnson, the erstwhile progressive and the running partner of the "man with the teeth", as he is known out here, and Johnson and his lieutenants attempted to hold a four day "political revival" here and line up votes. Notwithstanding the fact that the people had attended meetings for several successive nights just previous to Benson's arrival they turned out and broke records for attendance at any political meeting in the history of this city. At this Fresno meeting the Local secured a collection of \$116 with about \$50 more in book sales.

No less praiseworthy is the Everett, Wash., meeting. This Local deserves especial commendation for the thorough manner in which the arranged and elaborate program was adhered to in a highly efficient manner. It was because of their thorough attention to detail that the capitalist press of that city had as complete and as accurate an account of Benson's speech as any capitalist paper has given these meetings.

The sentiment all along the coast line shows a wonderful tendency towards Socialism, and if the spirit demonstrated at the Benson meetings is any criterion to go by, the West may be expected to render a good account of itself on November 7.

Surprise Of The Campaign.  
Benson as a speaker is one of the surprises of this campaign. Less than three months ago Comrade Benson hesitated to offer to make more than thirty speeches because he regarded speaking as an ordeal and felt that he could accomplish a great deal more with his writings. It was with reluctance that he consented to make thirty addresses. A little later after he had an opportunity to hear himself speak he, of his own initiative, doubled the number of dates. After he had been out on the road but a few days he cancelled all of his open dates and wanted them filled.

Today Benson is easily one of the ablest speakers that this movement can pride itself on. His eloquent utterances containing vitally important facts rouse the people's interest and enthusiasm to the highest pitch. He is convincing because he states the facts as they are, without any flowery phrases. He uses the simplest of words and his sentences are short and to the point. He knows the value of effective climaxes and uses them judiciously. At Oakland, for instance, he had already spoken for over an hour and a quarter and while it was a literal avalanche of truths, important truths that he was conveying to the brains of his auditors, he pulled out his watch and announced that it was after ten o'clock. He attempted to apologize to the audience for having detained them but he hardly uttered the sentence when from all parts of the house came shouts of "Keep it up!" "It's the real stuff you are giving us!" "We'll stay here all night if necessary and listen to you!"

Benson thereupon continued and with his enviable flow of language, with his admirable accumulation of facts he went on to show us the true capitalist character of both the Democratic and Republican parties. Wilson's chameleon political quick changes. He showed up the real motives behind Wilson's apparently recently born interest in the railroad workers. He cited facts to show that



**PRESIDENT WILSON: Don't notice those monsters of my administration, but look at this wonderful Military Appropriation I have given you!**

the years of the Wilson regime were the most prosperous for the capitalist class, and drove home the real purpose of Wilsonian militarism which he indicated as being an echo of the command that Wall street had uttered.

Tells About Foreign Markets.  
Never before, it is conceded, by all who heard him, has the question of foreign markets been set forth as clearly as Benson does it.

Comrade Goebel is largely responsible for the financial success of these meetings. Not only that but it is he who prepares the stage, it is he who with his inimitable wit places the audiences in a receptive mood. Again and again I saw audiences literally reel with laughter and good naturedly buying books and generously contributing to the collections as a result of Goebel's suggestive and pointed address.

**BENSON ANSWERS ROOSEVELT.**  
Phoenix, Ariz.—Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate for President and Theodore Roosevelt, the Judas of the Progressive party, spoke here on the same day. It was a big day in Phoenix. Ranchers and miners within a radius of 120 miles came to town to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the two men. Roosevelt spoke in the afternoon and Benson spoke in the evening.

The Socialists here seriously suspect that Roosevelt was deliberately brought to town in an effort to forestall a hearing to the Socialist candidate for President. It is a fact that more than two months ago the Socialists of this city had arranged for a Benson rally. The meeting had been widely advertised and the large Y. M. C. A. stadium engaged for the occasion. Ten days before the date of the Benson meeting it became known that arrangements had been completed by the local Republican politicians to bring Roosevelt into Phoenix for the same date and hour that Benson was advertised to speak.

Some quick action became necessary if the Socialists were not to be outwitted. Some delay, however, became unavoidable, but notwithstanding this the Socialists finally adopted a strategic plan which won the day for the Socialists and made the Benson meeting a great success and an unusually great attendance greeted Benson when he stepped up on the platform. An ovation lasting two minutes greeted his introduction by the chairman.

Advertise Benson Meeting.  
Upon comparatively short notice the Socialists had printed several thousand circulars, explaining the nature of the draft law, and advertising the Benson meeting. These circulars were distributed by a squad of Socialists at every possible approach to the grounds where the Roosevelt meeting was being held. This circular urged the members of the Roosevelt audience to see whether Roosevelt will dare refer to the draft law or the increasing cost of food-stuffs. The circular stated that Allan L. Benson would be in Mr. Roosevelt's audience and that he would refer to Roosevelt's speech in his address that evening. The size of Benson's audience

at night proved that this circular was effective. Hundreds, who otherwise probably would not have come, made an early appearance at Benson's meeting.

The main burden of Roosevelt's speech was a satirical criticism of Wilson's position on the Mexican situation without once referring to the burning problems at home, without once advancing a reason for Hughes' election. The audience, with the exception of a number of ex-rough riders and a number of Republican politicians did not respond. Evidently this lack of enthusiasm on the part of the audience drove him to ask himself the question aloud: "What would you have done about Mexico if you were in power?" And to this he replied: "We would have behaved just as we did in Cuba. I know it—because I was there, and I did it myself!" This time he did not tell how he had shot two fleeing Spaniards in the back in the vicinity of San Juan hill.

Benson did the occasion justice. In a few well chosen and telling sentences he made unmistakably clear the real truth about Mexico's unfortunate plight.

**Benson Tells About Mexico.**  
"Mexico, for some time has been," he said, "in a state of Civil War. We here, once also had a Civil War. Between the years 1861 and 1865 it would have been a risky thing for a Mexican or for anyone else to run a business in the vicinity of the two warring armies. It would have been dangerous for a Mexican to try and do some farming somewhere in the valley of Gettysburg."

"Mexico's national wealth," continued Benson, "is seven billion dollars, and her population is 15,000,000. Three billions of Mexico's wealth is owned by American capitalists, two billions are owned by other foreign capitalists; fourteen and a half million of Mexico's people are homeless, landless and exploited. Their endurance has reached its limit—hence the revolution."

"What would you have done," Benson asked, "if the order were reversed? I'd like to say this to Mr. Roosevelt: In France they have Foreign Legions. If Mr. Roosevelt is half as heated up about Mexico as he pretends to be then let him organize a foreign legion of ONE and go across the border and start to stop the revolution."

"I too grieve," Benson said, "because some Americans were killed in Mexico. But I grieve more because Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hughes stand for an economic system that is killing thousands of children, women and men right in America. Did you hear Mr. Roosevelt express one regret that the laws that have made a few so very rich have made many so very poor?"

"After hearing Mr. Roosevelt submitting issues upon which he asked you to decide this election, I must state that not for one moment did he submit any issue that concerns you. He submitted issues that had nothing to do with your issues."

"Why did not Mr. Roosevelt speak of the draft law this afternoon? He took two hours to tell what the present administration did or did not do about Mexico, but never once did he criticize President Wilson nor the Democratic and Republican members of Congress for having passed a draft law."

**Sees Socialist Triumph.**  
"If they do not repeal the draft law at the next session of Congress in four years from now we will carry this country."

Every change of hot shot Benson fired at Roosevelt's remarks was greeted with tumultuous applause by the audience, four fifths of whom were non-Socialists.

George H. Goebel, who preceded Benson with a short address, touched upon the local and state issues and urged the audience to help give Arizona the distinction of being the first state in the Union to be carried by Socialists. An unusually good collection was taken up and the entire supply of Socialist books exhausted.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for the policies that caused Uncle Sam to invest more than half a billion dollars in times of peace in war preparation, and will license him to do even more.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for unemployment, and for more bonds.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for women suffrage with a string to it.

If you don't vote for Benson you will vote for the bankers to use your money and refuse to let you use it unless you pay them interest.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for Rockefeller's private army to shoot down women and children in labor's war.

To the "get something now" Socialist-Democrats we can only say: "You have got something now; do you like it?"

If you don't vote for Benson, you will give your consent to a system that has made the workers of the world poor and the shirkers of the world rich.

It is the duty of every Comrade to do all in his power to run up the Socialist total—that is, everything but vote twice.

Moving pictures have become a feature in the contest to elect Debs to Congress in the Terre Haute district. Stereopticon views are also used by speakers to illustrate their lectures and jam home facts that are more easily absorbed when flashed on a screen.

The enthusiasm of German-Americans for Hughes has suffered a setback with the announcement, official or unofficial, that Roosevelt is to be the Secretary of State in case the Republicans win. With this "frying pan or fire" prospect ahead of them, thinking Americans with German sympathies are going to support the Socialist candidates.

Are there any stay-at-home citizens among the Socialists? We trust not. The Democrats think they are going to win. The Republicans expect to win. We Socialists KNOW we are going to win. Every vote we make is a victory for the Cause and the number of votes we poll more than we polled in 1912 is our plurality.

The Masses, the radical monthly publication printed in New York City, is hitting the financial rocks and may have to suspend. The Masses was blacklisted by news distributing agencies and sued for damages by the Associated Press manager, Melville W. Stone. Max Eastman, its editor, is said to have declared for Wilson. So they are having a bit of hard luck all around.

"Prices of staple food products in this country have risen 100 per cent in two years." That is not a Socialist claim, but the statement of the Chicago American—a paper which is supporting Wilson. The Hearst sheet does not include this in the record of Wilson's achievements but lays it to the war. At the same time it says our much-touted "prosperity" is due to Wilson and not to the war. Quite some logic, we claim.

Prices are determined by supply and demand. Our exports have increased \$600,000,000 worth in two years. What else could result from the diminished supply but higher prices? This is the "prosperity" the Democrats propose to continue? The Republicans offer to go them one better. They would raise the tariff and thus diminish imports. This further reduction in supply cannot help but send prices up with a big jump.

**IS HE CRAZY?**

The owner of a large plantation in Mississippi, where the fine figs grow, is giving away a few five-acre fruit tracts. The only condition is that figs be planted. The owner wants enough figs raised to supply a co-operative canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory by writing the Eubank Farms Company, 1169 Keystone, Pittsburgh, Pa. They will plant and care for your trees for \$6 a month. Your profit should be \$1,000 per year. Some think this man is crazy for giving away such valuable land, but there may be method in his madness.

## "What A Yump"

By MAYNARD SHIPLEY.

When the last registration of voters took place in Terre Haute about 18,000 persons registered. Many of them being "repeaters." Recently 25,000 signatures appeared on the books within the prescribed time.

Where did the prospective voters come from?

Why were they so eager to vote in the election of Nov. 7th? Has the fact that Eugene V. Debs is a candidate for Congressman from the Fifth District of Indiana anything to do with the "unparalleled" increase in the registration?

If so, in whose interest has the increased registration taken place?

Has the increase occurred because of the popularity of Debs in his "home town"?

His admirers would like very much to think so, and in a favorable sense. But suppose it should turn out to be that thousands of employees of industries in Vigo County (in which Terre Haute is situated) were coerced, or cajoled, into registering because it is known and understood that every Debs vote will be without coercion.

The writer does not pretend to have any "inside dope" on this question, but his observations lead him to believe that this unprecedented increase in the number of voters registered is directly due to pressure brought to bear upon the apathetic for the purpose of defeating the "Debs for Congress" stampede.

Yes, comrades, it is a veritable stampede!

All kinds and conditions of men in Terre Haute, and in the six large counties comprising the Fifth Congressional District are falling into the line leading from Debs' porch in Terre Haute to the National Capitol on the Potomac.

Leaders of the old parties are almost in a panic. They look sick and no doubt they feel worse than they look. Their only chance lies in getting out the unthinking, listless, stupid, apathetic voters who usually don't vote at all. A poor chance this! A forlorn hope!

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## YOUNG SOCIALIST PROGRESS.

J. Mahlon Barnes, former National Secretary of the Socialist Party and now Campaign Manager in the fight to send Morris Hillquit to Congress reported in the "Call" that practically all of the work of distributing literature—the backbone of the campaign—will be carried on by the "Flying Squadrons" made up exclusively of Y. P. S. L. members under the direction of Robert Spector. The Yipsels in other districts too are doing their best to carry on the socialist work, not only in the distribution of literature but in raising campaign funds, canvassing, watching the polls, etc. They get good training here and make good use of it too.

This steady good work on the part of the young socialists is at last bringing its fruit in the form of increased Socialist Party membership and officials. Hardly a day goes by but that several requests are received for information about the Y. P. S. L. The comrades of Colorado are responding enthusiastically to the appeal of their State Secretary, Jennie McGhee; every copy of their state propaganda paper contains something about the Y. P. S. L. and several strong organizations are promised immediately after election.

The Jewish Federation of the Socialist Party has also taken up this work as if it meant business. It aided the Jewish-speaking leagues of the East to hold an inter-state convention, and laid plans for the various Jewish speaking leagues. They assessed themselves an extra dues rate of 2c per stamp to defray the extra expense thrown on the Party Federation, and promise soon to send out a National Organizer. A new Jewish league has been organized in Chicago and another is under way at St. Louis, Mo.

Another good indication of growth is the effort to organize the younger element into auxiliaries of the Y. P. S. L. There are such leagues in Washington, D. C., Chicago, and other cities, and one that was recently organized in Hudson County, N. J., is reporting especially good progress. This league is known as the Youngster Club and recently held a fine entertainment at the headquarters at which Richard Blechschmidt, Jr., gave a

stereopticon lecture. The members of the Chicago Junior Yipsels are doing their best to carry a certain High School in which many of them are students for Benson and Kirkpatrick. They are going at it under the direction of some of the older and more seasoned campaigners. Several thousand leaflets and cards were distributed, and Socialist buttons are a very common sight among the students. It stands to reason that if the Y. P. S. L. is to realize its mission we must reach out ever further and further for the young. The present membership of the league will soon be too old for the work at hand and there must be a younger element to take its place. An amendment has been offered to our constitution to the end of taking definite action on the matter, and this office awaits the pleasure of the league membership before proceeding any further. The question is: "Shall we form a Junior Auxiliary of the Y. P. S. L., and if so, how shall it be done?" Anyone having ideas on the subject is invited to send them in.

## GENERAL ACTIVITY.

The Reading, Pa., Yipsels have found a way of combining business and pleasure that is worthy of imitation. They go off on Autumn hikes every Sunday and take along bars filled with literature which is distributed to the farmers along the route. The baskets on the homeward trip are filled with nuts and fruit which they have confiscated as their payment for the work.

The Anderson, Ind., league, who but recently organized itself, has already brought another league to our standard. This is organized with 14 charter members at Elwood, Ind. The Anderson Yipsels have a sign "Everybody welcome" over their headquarters and folks roundabout are taking the invitation. They too heavy on social affairs of all kinds and have a fine debating society that is taking care of all comers—regardless of their politics. Peoria, Ill., Y. P. S. L. is soon to celebrate its second anniversary and will give a play that is to be an even bigger success than that which was given last spring. They have recently organized a fine mixed quartette of which they are very proud. They now meet in a fine hall and are growing rapidly. Colorado Springs, Colo., is another league that believes that "Music makes friends and has an orchestra of their very own, and it is a big success too."

**YOU FELLOWS** who are bashful about sending your reports in, or lazy about getting a wiggle on yourselves. If you are making good we want to know it, and if you are not, there is all the more reason for sending a list of your troubles this way. Come out of your shell.

"I feel sorry for any Socialist who has turned Democrat," said Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, the noted electrical wizard and engineering expert of the General Electric Co., in an interview at Schenectady, N. Y. Dr. Steinmetz is a Socialist, and was elected President of the Common Council. Steinmetz went on to say that industrial and economic conditions are now so shaping themselves as a result of the European war that capitalism the world over is playing into the hands of socialism. A book entitled "America and the New Epoch," written by Dr. Steinmetz, will soon be published by Harper Brothers. It deals principally with the reorganization of the industries of this country following the world war.

"Rattling" is the ugly term that the Laborites in Australia use to reproach members of Parliament who have gone bughouse on patriotism and advocate conscription. Extreme bitterness has been aroused by the issue, and if the Labor party is not split over the question it will be almost a miracle.

## All True Socialists T Vote Straight Ticket

By ADOLPH GERMER  
National Secretary Socialist Party.

Interviews have appeared in print from William English Walling, Max Eastman and others in which they favor the re-election of Woodrow Wilson. In these interviews it is also stated that the Socialists will support Wilson in the coming election.

If these reported interviews are correct, they do not express the facts concerning the American Socialist Movement.

Neither William English Walling nor Max Eastman have ever been commanding figures in the Socialist movement and neither of them has ever been of influence in Socialist Party affairs. They are entirely out of harmony with the organized Socialists of America, and cannot authoritatively speak for the Socialists.

The Socialists in this campaign, as in all previous campaigns, will loyally support their own candidates in this election—Benson and Kirkpatrick. They regard both Wilson and Hughes as the candidates of big business.

No Socialist will support Wilson, who according to Judge Lovett, President of the Union Pacific, Underwood of the Erie and other railroad presidents is entirely satisfactory to the Railroads, with the eight-hour law. Neither will the Socialists support Hughes, whose anti-labor record was so clearly manifested in the Danbury Hatters case.

In spite of all of the claims of some self-styled Socialist leaders, the Socialists will not waver from their true path—they will vote for Benson and Kirkpatrick.

It is also reported that Allan L. Benson, the Socialist presidential candidate, has predicted the re-election of Pres. Wilson. This is far from an endorsement of Wilson and his administration. Benson has severely arraigned Pres. Wilson, and has continuously given reasons why workingmen should not support him.

Single Taxers of New York State have formed the Land party and will endeavor to secure the election of members to the Legislature who will smash the land hogs. A statement issued by the new party says there are no issues of consequence considered by the old parties, that elections have degenerated into a contest for office and patronage, that labor and industry are being taxed to death, that privileged classes have secured control of all valuable land and franchises, and that "if this is allowed to go on, present conditions will grow worse and this country will become the theater of bloody revolutions."

The bigger the vote we poll this fall the bigger it will be multiplied by two in 1920.

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## Old Party Platforms Analyzed and Compared with the Socialist Party Platform.

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There have been so many demands for the analysis of the old party platforms, which appears in the National Handbook, pages 30 and 31, and which was reprinted in The American Socialist some weeks ago, that we have decided to print it in leaflet form, with this addition—that on the reverse side will be printed the analysis of the Socialist Party Platform, which presents the real issue.

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# STICK ON THE JOB FOR SOCIALISM UNTIL LAST SOCIALIST VOTE IS COUNTED NEXT TUESDAY!

By CARL D. THOMPSON.  
National Campaign Manager.

THE CAMPAIGN nears its close. A few days and many duties remain. Let every worker do his duty 'til the last vote is counted and the result on November 7 will be a triumph.

We are not predicting any wild, impossible gain, nor allowing our enthusiasm to run away with our judgment.

But we say:—

The socialist vote in these United States

on Tuesday, November 7th, will be a victory. It will mark the high tide of Socialism in America and open a new era and a new phase of our movement here.

FOUR years ago the politicians tried to stampee the working class into voting for Roosevelt, alleged "progressive" and "friend of labor." This year they have frantically begged the workers to support Wilson because of his alleged labor record.

It did not work four years ago. It is not working this year. Their efforts deceive some and mislead many. But they deceive

fewer every year. And the Socialist Party will come out of this campaign with the greatest vote and greatest triumph it has ever had.

THE POLITICIANS in Washington concede that we will cast 1,300,000. The straw votes and canvass conducted by the New York Herald which has been the most complete and unbiased canvass that has been made indicated that the Socialist vote in every section of the country will be doubled.

And, note well, these are capitalist estimates of what our vote will be. That will give us our two million.

Two million votes will be a stirring, thrilling, inspiring victory.

It will mean a strong group of socialist congressmen. It will mean a big increase in representatives in the state legislatures. We elected 31 in 1914.

ANY WAY you look at it, therefore, there is victory in the air,—a steady, inevitable, gratifying growth of the socialist vote, increased in its power in congress and state legislatures and a re-vitalizing of the hopes and inspiration of the party.

It remains only for every socialist to double his efforts for the few remaining

days of the campaign; to see that every task is faithfully completed; every voter seen, every leaflet distributed, every voting place manned, every vote counted.

AND SO to the million socialist voters who voted with us four years ago, to the hundred thousand members, to the hundreds entrusted with responsible duties; to every worker, friend, member, and sympathizer we say:

Hold fast and do your duty to the last detail of the last day and the Socialist Party will be proud of the results on November 7th.

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VOTER AN AMERICAN  
SOCIALIST READER

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Readers

That is the record achieved by The American Socialist in this campaign now closing. True, most of these subscribers are short time subscribers, the majority of them five week subs. We must get these five week subs to renew. We must get new subs to take the place of those who do not renew. Read this plea by Adolph Germer, national executive secretary of the Socialist Party.

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Yours for an ever increasing circulation.

ADOLPH GERMER,

Executive Secretary, Soc. Party.

#### Infidels And Infidels

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

Apologists for capitalism are still cudgeling their brains vainly trying to find some valid objection to socialism. Unable to combat the philosophy of socialism with logic or reason, they seek to injure the cause by appealing to the blind prejudice of the people. So in sheer desperation they are forced to fall back on the hackneyed cry of "infidel!"

As a matter of fact, all people are more or less infidels to something or other. Several hundred million Buddhists are infidels to the god of the Mohammedans, while the latter are considered infidels in the minds of Buddhists. Likewise millions of Christians are looked upon as infidels by people of the various other religious faiths of the world. So when anyone seeks to disparage socialism by the senseless injection of the question of infidelity, it is well to remember that there are infidels and infidels.

The worst kind of infidel is the man who is too cowardly to protest against wrong and injustice in the world—untrue to himself, faithless to his family, and false to his fellow-man. Surely the gods must look down upon such a being scornful of the idea that any such creature was ever made in the image of the Creator.

In Warsaw recently Tedens' Rech-pewski, the dean of the active Socialists, died at the age of 72. He served time in Siberia and several prisons and came close to being hanged upon one occasion because of his persistence and success in agitating for greater freedom for labor.

## Keep Up The Fight To Send This Group Of Socialists To Washington

HERE IS the fighting group of Socialists that the party has been centering its efforts upon in the hope of sending them to Washington to represent the workers of the nation. Here are London and Hillquit of New York City; Berger and Gaylord of Mil-

waukee, Wis.; Eugene V. Debs, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Morris, Shelton and Stallard, of Oklahoma, and A. Grant Miller, of Nevada. The final result depends in great part on what you do between now and until the last vote is counted.

Courtesy Newspaper Enterprise Association and The Day Book (Chicago).



Top Row  
(left to right)  
Victor L. Berger  
Meyer London  
Allen C. Adams  
Morris Hillquit  
Winfield R. Gaylord

Bottom Row  
(left to right)  
H. H. Stallard  
Eugene V. Debs  
H. M. Shelton  
O. M. Morris

A. Grant Miller  
For U. S. Senator from Nevada

#### Hope For Debs.

By GEORGE D. BREWER.

EVERY Socialist in the United States is interested in knowing whether Eugene V. Debs will be elected to congress from his district in Indiana. Millions of Socialists across the oceans are also interested in this same question.

After careful study of the situation here, both from the viewpoint of public meetings and personal encounter, I unhesitatingly say that his chances are most encouraging. In Terre Haute, where he has lived all of his life, not one has said ought against him. Business men on the main street, little business men in the outskirts, shop men, miners, road men and mill and factory hands seem to be overwhelmingly for Debs for congress. Not one in five but will openly state that he is going to vote for him.

#### Some Of The Straws.

In the outside counties and towns the farmers and small storekeepers speak highly of him and few there are who will openly state that they are going to vote for any one else. An old party candidate from a small town in the south of the district offered to wager \$100 on the present incumbent of the office, Chas. Moss, democrat. He was sure that sentiment in other places was not so strong for Debs as it was in his home community.

After a trip to Terre Haute and an interview with leading democrats he went back home and withdrew his offer. On the pool room boards in the city one can find all kinds of offers to bet that Moss, Democrat, will defeat Sanders, Republican, but not one that Moss or Sanders will defeat Debs, Socialist.

Among the Union Depot employees a straw vote was taken on one floor which resulted in: For President: Wilson 13, Hughes 9; Benson 6; for Congressman: Debs 23, Moss 3, Sanders 4.

A secret straw ballot was taken at the Root glass factory and Debs received 111 votes while Moss received but 13 and Sanders 10.

Perhaps the most serious obstacle now is the court decision for the use of the voting machines in the city. These machines have been proved beyond question to be so constructed that tampering is easily done. Everybody is against the machines, which figured so conspicuously in the recent election scandals in Terre Haute, but the crooked politicians who do the manipulating. It was proved in the investigation that these machines could be so manipulated that a voter could cast his ballot for one candidate and the machine would register a vote for his opponent. Then again, many voters, not accustomed to the machine, are afraid to attempt to scratch a ticket because of the fear that they will make a mistake and so will vote a straight ticket. This is all right for Socialists, generally, but in this case, thousands of voters are going to scratch their ticket for Debs. The machine will have a tendency to make them afraid to try to scratch, and in

fear of losing their vote will vote straight. It is felt and believed by many from all parties that the proper thing to do with the machines is to perform a little operation of sabotage a few days before election with axes for the surgical tools and the Wabash river for the grave of the victims of the operation.

#### Overcome All Obstacles.

But in spite of the machine handicap as well as lack of funds and other embarrassing features of the campaign it is generally believed by the people in hotels, bar rooms, shops, mills and on the farms in the rural districts that Eugene V. Debs will be the next representative in the Congress of the United States from the 5th district of the State of Indiana.

The world has its eye on this district and let us all hope that the people on the farms, in the mines, on the prairies of the west and in the shops and factories of the east will not be disappointed on the morning of the 8th day of November.

Republican bill-boards advertise the "Do it now" policy of Hughes. What it is Hughes is going to do now, we are not told. Perhaps it refers to the capitalist "Do them now" policy.

A daily paper reports a total national campaign expense of \$9,000,000, a million and a half for each of the old parties. The Socialist party expenses were so slight that they were not considered.

It will be a lot of fun to run down town Tuesday night and watch the election returns flash on the screen. Never mind, tho; stick to your precinct polling place until the last vote is counted and reported.

You self-styled Socialists (we are told there are a few such spineless creatures) who are going to vote for Wilson because he is "the lesser of two evils!" How would the cause prosper if every Socialist were just like YOU?

"Nor are the railroads to be saved from Government Ownership. For they themselves have reached the point where they admit they can no longer finance themselves and manage themselves. And their most clever spokesmen calmly tell the people that they must take the lid off and let the railroads charge all the way in order to escape the great calamity of Government Ownership, which would be honest administration of the railroads for the public benefit, instead of incompetent and dishonest administration of railroads for inside grafters." Pretty good Socialist talk, isn't it? No, merely a Hearst editorial pleading for government ownership of railroads. Suppose someone suggested to Mr. Hearst the government ownership of mines and large land-holdings.

#### Socialization Of Health

By EDITH BREITHUT.

The plagues of Egypt were terrifying, but the modern scourge of infantile paralysis is worse. Even that crucial ancient plague—the death of the first-born—is preferable to poliomyelitis. Who would not choose death rather than deformity for their little ones? Poliomyelitis is no respecter of persons. It visits poor and rich alike. No one knows its cause. So it is impossible to guard against it. The best clue yet furnished for its prevention is the fact that the 25,000 children who used pasteurized milk from the Nathan Straus milk stations in the poor districts of New York City escaped. Not one of the 25,000 fell a victim of the scourge which raged all about them. The pasteurized milk was as effective in protecting them as the blood on the lintels, on the night of the first Passover.

This singular and significant coincidence reminds us of the great Frenchman, Louis Pasteur, who first discovered the fact that disease is caused and carried by germs. His astounding theory passed thru the usual experiences of all new and wonderful truths. It was pronounced ridiculous and impossible. It was jeered at and sneered at. Finally, of course, it triumphed—as truth always does. It was accepted, and then began the period of sanitation and sterilization. Pasteur, therefore, was, one might say, the father of modern methods in medicine and surgery. Every physician, every surgeon, every nurse, scrubs and disinfects because of him. Every hospital nowadays is a tribute to his memory. Thru his great discovery, we are beginning to realize that health is not a private matter but a public one.

It isn't a man's own affair if he is ill. It concerns us all. Just for self-protection we whisk him off to the isolation hospital as soon as he shows symptoms of scarlet fever or cholera or small pox. We quarantine children for measles and whooping cough. If the patient can't afford to pay the physician he is paid by the community. Very good so far—but not far enough.

Why should we wait till the patient is ill before we provide the physician? Why not use phylaxis and prevent the disease, instead of allowing it to get a good start and then struggling to eject it. Why should medical science be reserved for those who can pay for it?

If the pauper is ill, the rich man may be laid low as a result. In food, in clothing, in cars, on the streets, in public buildings, in a thousand ways, the germs may be carried. The Board of Health sends to the public schools, to inspect and care for the pupils, physicians and nurses who are paid by the community.

Why not have a similar plan for the parents, for all citizens? It would take many physicians, of course. All right. Let it take all of them. The care of our health is surely as legitimate a public function as the care of our streets, our letters, our property

and our education. Why not have Bureaus of Health established at frequent intervals—like branch post-offices—where one could receive the very best medical attention free of charge as we now get the services of police, firemen, and postmen? Not the perfunctory service proffered by the clinics of the large hospitals—but the best service that our best physicians can render. Such crises as the present plague hasten that day.

You still have time to win one vote. The "open season" for campaign contributions does not come to an end until Nov. 7.

Members of the half-breed Socialist race say we should vote for the Democrats in order to be sure of "getting something now." Even if a democratic victory would "get us something now," we would prefer to vote to GET A LOT later on.

The eight-hour law, the child labor law and a lot of other pieces of progressive legislation were passed with the Socialists in mind. No matter who is elected this fall, the unprecedented Socialist vote will make the party in power a lot more progressive than it would otherwise ever think of being. Thus ours is a winning fight.

"The issue in the campaign is this: 'Shall Theodore be allowed to start for Berlin by way of Mexico?' So says Tom Marshall who, as you may know is Vice President and is running for the office again. Socialists say the issue is: 'Shall we start for Berlin and Mexico next year or shall we wait a year or two more?'"

Wilson says in last week's "Independent," "The Trade Commission . . . has transformed the Government of the United States from being an antagonist of business into being a friend of business." Yes, this is the same man—Woodrow Wilson, the "friend of labor."

Says Ex-Senator Beveridge concerning Mexico: "Every American citizen and every American soldier that has been shot to death was killed with an American bullet fired from an American rifle." How many Americans will be killed by munitions of American manufacture in the coming trade war which the old parties would have us prepare for, we wonder.

The Democrats point to the passage of the child labor law as the most humanitarian thing Wilson ever accomplished. But listen! Why have children been working in mills and mines? In many cases because their families were not paid enough to support their families and the little tots had to work too in order that they and their smaller brothers and sisters keep from starving. Now this supplementary income is cut off and in many cases the law causes more misery than it relieves. No, we are not opposed to child labor laws, but they are futile unless accompanied by an increased wage to adult workers? Socialism will allow every man to support his family comfortably without aid from his wife and children.

#### Wilson's Flim-Flam

WASHINGTON.—The flimsy pretence of the Democrats that there is an eight hour day in the government service is punctured by a powerful letter to Woodrow Wilson from T. F. Flaherty, of the federation of postal clerks.

It is the short, simple story of a broken promise, of flim-flam, of capitalist party hypocrisy. While Wilson is campaigning for the eight hour law which he rammed thru Congress for the benefit of the railroad workers, his Postmaster General, Albert Sidney Burleson, is violating the eight hour law which Congress passed four years ago for the benefit of the hard-driven postal workers.

This law provides that clerks in the first and second class offices shall be required to work not more than eight hours a day within ten hours, and that for work in excess of eight hours they shall be paid overtime proportionally to their salaries. The law was passed to shut off overtime. It was a law to limit hours of work, not to increase wages.

Relief Efforts Fail. In many of the largest post offices in the United States, clerks are being forced daily and nightly to work ten, eleven and even twelve hours. Efforts to secure relief from the post office officials have absolutely failed. The case of the workers now goes before Wilson himself, whose brave words about the eight hour day are being thrown back in his teeth. "We believe in the eight hour law," Wilson told some business men the other day, "because a man does better work within eight hours than he does within a more extended day, and the whole theory of it, a theory which is sustained now by abundant experience is that his efficiency is improved, and the whole moral and physical vigor of the man is added to."

How do these words square with the facts? Very badly, as any Socialist could predict without the supporting testimony of Flaherty. He has this to say to Mr. Wilson:

Thousands Claim. "In the Chicago post office alone 80 clerks have averaged 105 hours overtime during the first six months of this year. The bulk of this was crowded into the last four months of that period. Since July conditions have grown steadily worse, until at the present time, with the pre-election and the usual heavy fall mailings in full swing thousands of clerks are complaining of their hardships."

"The responsible department officials are seemingly indifferent to the plight of the clerks. The remedy is within their hands to apply if they so desire. The current appropriation measure for the postal service made measure for the appointment of 1,500 additional clerks. Despite the boasted gain in receipts and the ever-increasing volume of work but few of these appointments have been made. Postmasters are clamoring for help, the clerks are longing for relief, and yet

the department officials refuse to recognize the need of keeping the working force recruited to an efficient working standard."

Similar conditions exist in Cleveland, New York, Boston, and other centers.

#### Law Habitually Violated.

Flaherty asks the President, in the name of thousands of toilers, to make an investigation, independent of the Post Office department's influence, and declares that such an investigation would disclose a habitual violation of the law, "a condition to which I know you are opposed. The postal department officials," he continues, "have placed you in the untenable position of advocating a principle in private employment—the eight-hour day—which is not in effect in government employment, solely because of a desire for a greater postal surplus."

The trouble is capitalism in Government. The postal clerks cannot strike or threaten to strike. They cannot appeal to Congress to enforce a law passed by Congress. They are up against it. And four years more of Wilson might not help them in the least.

The railroad employees may vote for Wilson, but why should the postal slaves, or any other set of wage slaves, vote for the Democrats or the Republicans?

You Socialists who voted right four years ago; how many voters have you converted since the last election? If every one of us has won two votes, we will have 2,700,000.

The chief Socialist aim is to educate the voters. To educate, says the science of pedagogy, one must first command respect. The best way to get the voters interested in Socialism is to poll these millions of votes next Tuesday. We can see the headline already, "Startling Increase in Socialist Vote. Landslide of Labor Vote to Benson is the Surprise of the Election."

Morris Hillquit, Socialist candidate in the 20th Congressional district in New York, is some campaigner. One day last week he addressed a local union of brewery workers in the forenoon in the German language, in the afternoon he talked Yiddish at a Jewish mass meeting, and English at a meeting of street car strikers, and in the evening he addressed an Italian assemblage in their native language. Hearing of his versatility as a conversationalist, the Polish, Russian and French people in the cosmopolitan district are arranging meetings to hear Hillquit and he will talk to all of them in their mother tongue, for he is a linguist par excellence.

Send five cents for a sample copy of The New World, Lincoln Phifer's Paper-Magazine, Girard, Kansas. Debs says in the Rip Saw: "It is a live and ambitious publication, and will make a place for itself in the modern struggle for democracy and freedom. It is one of the most unique and original publications that come to our table."



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